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Report Name: China Notifies ASF in Hunan Province

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Report Highlights:

On April 8, 2021, China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) notified the U.S. Embassy in Beijing that on March 27, 2021, China detected African Swine Fever (ASF) in Hunan Province. China notified this ASF outbreak to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and is continuing to monitor the situation. This was China's fourth ASF notification to the OIE since the end of January 2021.

General Information:

On April 8, 2021, MARA notified the U.S. Embassy that on March 27, 2021, live hogs had been found to have ASF in Changsha City, Hunan Province. Authorities indicated the detection occurred when authorities found the illegal transportation of live hogs from outside of Hunan Province. There were 61 susceptible animals, of which 3 were sick and 3 died. The remaining animals were culled and disposed. China is continuing to monitor the situation and MARA reports it has notified the OIE of this outbreak. This notification was the fourth reported occurrence of ASF that China has provided to the OIE since the end of January 2021.

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April 8, 2021

Fax information by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA)

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From: International Cooperation Department of MARA, Office of Hong Kong and Macau Affairs of MARA

Signed by Wei Zhenglin

Subject: Notification of African Swine Fever in Mainland China

This is to notify that the African Swine Fever (ASF) epidemic was detected in Changsha City of Hunan Province due to illegal live hog transportation from outside of Hunan Province. The details are as follows:

1. Outbreak location: Changsha County of Changsha City of Hunan Province
2. Date of confirmation (of ASF): March 27, 2021
3. Sick animals: number of susceptible animals: 61 live hogs, of which 3 sick animals, 3 died.
4. Diagnosis:

Name of diagnostic laboratory: Animal Disease Prevention and Control Center of Hunan Province

Diagnostic measure: Fluorescence PCR, PCR

Pathogen: ASF virus

5. Control measures: After the detection of the epidemic, the local authority has initiated emergency response measures as required, all hogs from the outbreak location have been destroyed and the relevant destruction locations, roads and transportation vehicles have been disinfected. At present, investigation and trace back efforts are ongoing.

Attachments:

No Attachments.